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SUBJECT: SHOOTING INCIDENT IN BRIH

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1. AS OF AUGUST 24, TENSION REMAINED HIGH IN CHOUF, BUT THERE WERE NO FURTHER REPORTS OF FIGHTING THERE.

2. ON AUGUST 23 ARAB DETERRENT FORCE (ADF) ARRESTED 27 PEOPLE SUSPECTED OF INVOLVEMENT IN AUGUST 21 CHOUF INCIDENTS, ACCORDING TO PRESS AND OTHER SOURCES. ADF MADE ARRESTS DURING EARLY MORNING RAIDS ON VILLAGES OF BSABA, AL-MTULLAH, AND KAFR NABRAKH. ADF ALSO CONFISCATED 250 WEAPONS, INCLUDING RIFLES, MACHINE GUNS AND PISTOLS.

3. ARRESTS HAVE APPARENTLY APPEASED CHRISTIANS SOMEWHAT. UNLIKE PREVIOUS DAY, NLP LEADER CAMILLE CHAMOUN REFRAINED FROM PUBLIC THREATS OF REPRISALS AND PRAISED GOOD INTENTIONS OF PRESIDENT. HE WARNED, HOWEVER, THAT ARRESTS WERE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOT ENOUGH AND THAT "TANGIBLE AND DEFINITE RESULTS" (I.E. CONVICTIONS) WERE REQUIRED. IN ADDITION, CONTRARY TO PREVIOUS ASSERTIONS OF NLP MEDIA, CHAMOUN DECLARED THAT THERE WAS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN INCIDENT IN CHOUF AND SITUATION IN SOUTH.

4. PIERRE GEMAYEL ISSUED PRESS COMMUNIQUE DEMANDING THAT

AUTHORITIES MAKE EXAMPLE OF GUILTY PEOPLE BY PUNISHING THEM. HE RECALLED CASE OF CRIMINAL "TAKMIL" WHO HAD BEEN HUNG AFTER 1958 EVENTS AND CLAIMED THAT HIS EXECUTION HAD HELPED RESTORE CALM

5. UNLIKE CHRISTIANS, NATIONAL MOVEMENT ISSUED COMMUNIQUE CONSIDERABLY TOUGHER THAN PREVIOUS STATEMENTS OF ITS MEMBERS. COMMUNIQUE SAID LATEST INCIDENTS WERE "DIRECT RESULT OF PROVOCATIVE CAMPAIGN" LAUNCHED BY KFUR FRONT, WHICH INCLUDED "INFILTRATION OF WEAPONS AND ARMED ELEMENTS" INTO CHOUF.

6. INTERIOR MINISTER SALAH SALMAN PRESIDED OVER MEETING IN BEIT ED DINE ATTENDED BY DEPUTIES AND OFFICIALS FROM CHOUF TO DISCUSS WAYS TO MAINTAIN CALM. CHEIKH AKL OF THE DRUZES, MAYOR OF DAYR AL QAMAR, MAIN CHRISTIAN TOWN IN CHOUF, AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES OF NLP AND PSP REFUSED TO ATTEND, HOWEVER.
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